

Please remember in your prayers : Teresa Allan, Pauline McManus, Steve Lemming, Trish Sizer, Frances Bratcher, Andy Langley, Piers Black-Hawkins, Andrew Seabrook, Grant Williams, Rosemary Morgan, Anne Hauxwell. *If someone would like a visit or a prayer tell Stephen (709740)*

TODAY: 6.00pm Evening Service @ Melchbourne

Wednesday: 9.45 Holy Communion @ Melchbourne *again!*

Sunday 1.12.19 Advent Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) @ Shelton

10.30am Holy Communion (CW) @ Yelden

No evening service

The Readings for next Sunday:

Advent Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

Advent Sunday 1st December: Stephen turns into the Rector of

Stodden : This will happen with the Archdeacon of Bedford in the 10.30 service.

St. Nicholas Sunday 8th December: at the 10.30 service at Swineshead we celebrate St. Nicholas who is the saint that Swineshead church is named after, and he is the one that Santa Claus is based on. In honour of his giving to those in need at that service we will receive gifts for children which go to Homestart Cambridge who support families with children who struggle with life

Café Sunday December 15th

Our next Café Sunday will be on 15.12.19 and will be all things Christmas including DIY Christingle

USE OUR WEBSITE We do have a website for THE STODDEN CHURCHES. If you are looking for service information you will find it there. Please make use of it, and it is somewhere you can suggest people look for information who are new to the area or the congregation.

The Stodden Churches

Christ the King – Sunday next before Advent

24th November 2019

Our Vision Statement: As the Stodden Churches we seek to move forward together in love and service, sharing the good news of Christ with our neighbours

You are very welcome to our Church today. The service can be found in the Red Book, starting on page 1. If you are a full member of your own church, please take communion with us. If you are not confirmed please come to the altar for a blessing, bringing your pew sheet with you.

Today's Hymns are from Hymns Old and New

188 Guide me O thou

220 How sweet the name of Jesus

313 Thou didst leave thy throne

310 Lord for the years *during communion 379 O lord hear my prayer*

Today's Collect God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the king and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end: for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one Glory, one glory. Jesus. **Amen**

The Stodden Prayer for Growth: Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to sow the seeds of faith in the communities that make up the Stodden Churches we ask you to come and fill us with your Spirit so that our lives may show signs of new life and joy in you; and make us bold in word and deed so that others may be drawn to faith in you. Lord Jesus we ask you to bless the Stodden Church so that it may grow in numbers and in knowledge and love of you. Lord Jesus Christ, we ask this in your name. Amen

*****We will be using the Gloria on page 5**

*****We will be using Eucharistic Prayer: C on page 25**

Post Communion: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people: that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46:

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,* you did it to me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'